TREASURY DEPARTMENT

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FOWLER MEDAL ADDED TO MINT SERIES

The Bureau of the Mint today placed on sale a portrait medal of Secretary of the Treasury Henry H. Fowler.

The medal is the latest in a series honoring Presidents, other public officials, heroes and outstanding citizens, and recording events of national historic significance, that have been issued by the Mint since 1860. The medal is of Mint bronze, three inches in diameter.

The obverse, or front, of the Fowler medal shows a front view portrait of the Secretary executed by Frank Gasparro, Chief Sculptor of the Mint. "Henry H. Fowler" is inscribed above the portrait and around the border.

The reverse, or back, notes the Treasury Secretary's place and date of birth and traces the main events of his service in the Federal government, where half of Mr. Fowler's career to date has been spent. While not in government, he practised law in Washington, D. C. in the years 1933 and 1934, 1946 to 1951, and 1953 to 1961.

In the center of the reverse side of the medal is the seal of the Treasury, surrounded by the inscription, "Henry H. Fowler, Secretary of the Treasury, April 1, 1965," the date he took office.

Around the border, clockwise from the top, are governmental seals and inscriptions noting earlier periods of public service. At the top is the Great Seal of the United States, followed by the inscription, "Und. Secretary of Treasury 1961-1964." Next, clockwise, is the seal of the Secretary's native state, Virginia, where Mr. Fowler attended school and college, with the inscription "Roanoke, Va., Sept. 5th 1908," the place and date of his birth.

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Other parts of the reverse design note Mr. Fowler's service with the Tennessee Valley Authority, 1934-1939; the Department of Justice 1939-1941; the Federal Power Commission, 1940-41; Office of Production Management, War Production Board and Foreign Economic Administration 1941-1945; the Department of Commerce, where Mr. Fowler was Administrator of the National Production Authority in 1952; Defense Production Administration and Office of Defense Mobilization, both of which he headed in 1952-1953, and the National Security Council, 1952-1953.

The reverse of the medal is the work of Edgar Z. Steever of the Engraving Department of the Philadelphia Mint.

The medal may be purchased from the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, over the counter or through the mail, for $3.00. The price includes shipping costs.

Medals have been made for each Secretary of the Treasury since 1897, with the exception of D. F. Houston, who served a brief term in 1920-1921.

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